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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Finow Airfield

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[redacted] 1. The Finow (N 53/V 08) airfield was occupied by 40 to 50 jet aircraft with swept-back wings, about 30 single-engine low-wing monoplanes and four biplanes between 2 and 4 May 1950. The jet planes, except for eight on the eastern edge of the field, had camouflage covers and their air intakes and air exhaust apertures had a red protective cover. The eight uncovered jet planes had a small red flag at their noses. Two bulges were on each wing parallel to the longitudinal axis of the fuselage. The length of the fuselage was estimated at about ten meters when compared with the motor vehicles standing nearby. The air exhaust was breast-high to a soldier working on the plane. Its diameter was about the width of a human chest.

2. There was no flying on 2 May 1950. Only one biplane flew over the field on 3 May 1950. Several single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines practiced flying between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on 4 May 1950. [redacted]

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[redacted] 3. The following aircraft were counted at the field

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between 4 and 5 p.m. on 30 April 1950: 40 jet fighters, 27 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes, 12 biplanes and one large transport. About 30 more low-wing monoplanes were parked at the field.

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25X1 The guard on the road east of the field was reinforced. Soviet soldiers have been recently forbidden to enter German restaurants.

4. There was heavy flying at the field between 24 and 27 April 1950. Jet aircraft made formation flights. No flights were seen between 28 April and 2 May 1950 except for flights made by conventional-type planes during the nights of 24 to 28 April 1950. A searchlight illuminated the landing field at take-offs and landings.

5. About 50 single-engine aircraft, 38 jet planes, 12 biplanes and one twin-engine low-wing monoplane were parked at the field on 14 May 1950.

6. Four railroad tank cars, on the railroad spur track near the fuel dump on the northern edge of the field, were being emptied on 19 May 1950.

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7. Two rows, each of 30 jet fighters with swept-back wings, were parked at the field at 11 a.m. on 17 May 1950.

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25X1 * Comment. on the occupation of the field by conventional fighters and jet aircraft of type 14. The number of jet planes has apparently been increased during past weeks. From this report it is assumed that 50 to 60 jet planes are stationed at the field, whereas about 45 jet planes have been previously observed there. The reported number of conventional fighters indicates that no aircraft have been shipped away. Two fighter regiments are assumed to be stationed in Minow.

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